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FROM THE DEAN



Dr. Kayron McMinn

WESLEYAN'S COMMITMENT TO THE LIBERAL ARTS

Wesleyan the faculty are training young women to face the future with self-confidence and pride in their academic background, and the primary source of this pride is, I believe, Wesleyan's commitment to liberal arts. A Wesleyan graduate has confidence, not only in her major or specialized area of training but also in the confidence gained from learning to write well and communicate effectively, to appreciate the arts and understand the sciences, to interact successfully with other people and to speak knowledgeably of politics, economics, history or literature. The qualities of a liberal arts program contribute so much more to a student because they are aware of and informed about its complexities and opportunities. There is no doubt in my mind that students who are really educated are better prepared to face the challenges of this century than those whose studies are narrowly defined and designed solely for vocational training.

What does commitment to liberal arts mean in the life of a student at Wesleyan College? How does it affect the curriculum and the nature of her preparation for life after graduation? During the 1960s and 1970s, many schools ceased to require any specific courses, on the theory that students

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Wesleyan Announces International Relations And Public Relations Programs

Dr. Kayron McMinn, Dean of the College, has announced the establishment of two new academic programs — international relations and public relations. Both majors have been added to the curriculum as a result of an increased interest in both areas by Wesleyan students and college bound high school students.

According to Dr. McMinn, the two new programs will greatly complement Wesleyan's liberal arts curriculum. "Both new majors are easily incorporated into our liberal arts program," said Dr. McMinn. "For example, the study of the historical, cultural, political, and economic structure of nations and how they interact pulls together the varied disciplines of the liberal arts which have always been our strength. It is increasingly important to educate young women to relate their community to the larger world."

She added, "Public relations is a career oriented program that combines the basic skills of communica-

tion, careful perception, analysis, synthesis, and problem solving that have traditionally been emphasized at Wesleyan. Beginning this spring, students may elect to major in these interdisciplinary programs."

Offered within the History/Political Science Department, the international relations major provides an integrated study of the contemporary international environment. The emphasis is upon world politics and contemporary history with studies in international economics and modern foreign language. Students in the international relations program are encouraged to participate in Wesleyan's junior year abroad program to provide supplementary studies and experience in international relations.

The major provides an excellent background for those who wish to pursue careers in international organizations (governmental and non-governmental) and in international

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\$20,000 Four Year Scholarships To Be Awarded for 1982-1986

Dr. Fred W. Hicks has announced the establishment of the Elizabeth Bradley Turner-Pauline Pierce Corn Scholarships for 1982-1986. Each scholarship is for \$20,000 payable in the amount of \$5,000 per year for the four period. The ten Elizabeth Bradley Turner-Pauline Pierce Corn Scholars will be graduated in the Sesquicentennial Class of 1986.

High school seniors or early admission candidates who are applying to Wesleyan as full-time freshmen this

fall are eligible to compete. Applicants for the scholarships must be in the top 10% of their graduating class and have a score 1100 or above on the College Board Student Aptitude Test (SAT). To renew the scholarship each year, the student must maintain a 3.5 or better composite grade point average.

Deadline for application is March 8, 1982. Alumnae are urged to encourage women scholars in their area to apply.

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The administrative staff recently honored the student body by donning waiter's aprons and hats and serving the students their evening meal in the Anderson Dining Room. Laughing students kept all the waiters hopping with numerous requests for service. Table One especially enjoyed giving orders to the number one waiter, President Fred W. Hicks.



Wesleyans' Commitment Continued

must be free to choose "relevant" courses, and that students were better judges of their own intellectual needs than faculty. Wesleyan College never ceased to insist that students study a broad range of subjects, and in 1978, at the same time that Harvard and other colleges began to tighten their curricular requirements, Wesleyan's faculty instituted a new General Education curriculum which requires each student to study literature, language, fine arts, behavioral science, social science, and laboratory science, in addition to courses in her major field.

And to what purpose? Why should a biology major study music, or history, or political science? Why should an art major learn chemistry, psychology, or English literature? The questions posed are significant because they point to the real question in the minds of so many high school students and their parents. What are the benefits of a liberal arts education?

Flexibility and adaptability may be the greatest benefits. In a society where technological knowledge becomes obsolete rapidly and where people are forced to change jobs often, the ability to read and analyze carefully, to think clearly, to see alternatives and to adapt to a changing world are essential. Many recent studies have shown that students with a general, liberal arts background have better conceptual abilities. They are better able to formulate valid concepts, analyze arguments, see all sides of a situation and solve problems. Because they have been taught to think critically and analytically, and to express themselves clearly and logically, they will be creative and productive workers in their jobs and their communities.

Wesleyan's commitment to the liberal arts certainly does not mean that we are content to teach only what we taught in the past. The curriculum is constantly changing, and Wesleyan's faculty has recognized the changing needs of the young women

who matriculate here. A professional degree in business administration was added two years ago along with a program in arts management. Two new majors were initiated this fall; one in public relations and one in international relations. We are actively seeking funds to enhance our science program, and in particular to add a program in computer science. The computer is a calculative and communicative device, and its use is truly an art. Expanding into the academic area of computer science is not a deviation from a liberal arts curriculum, but an enhancement and fulfillment of the liberal idea.

At Wesleyan we have successfully combined career preparation with liberal arts. Our graduates are well prepared for careers in business and education, and do exceptionally well in law and medical schools and other graduate schools. But they have more than vocational training, they have a liberal education which will enable them to deal creatively with the rapid changes in jobs, politics and society.

Public Relations Continued

business. It also provides ideal preparation for those planning careers in print or electronic communications. The international relations major also helps to prepare students for related graduate programs.

The interdepartmental major in public relations coordinates the courses from various disciplines needed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for the effective practice of public relations. An internship in public relations is required and is established through Wesleyan's Internship Services Program.

The public relations major provides a firm basis in communication balanced with supplemental studies in other areas of the liberal arts. Major courses include principles of communication, persuasive communication, mass media, journalism, advertising strategy, marketing, graphic design, and case studies in public relations.

Wesleyan Announces Johnson Scholarship

Dr. Fred W. Hicks has announced the establishment of the Mrs. Fletcher M. Johnson Scholarship Fund as prescribed under the will of her son, Fletcher M. Johnson, Jr. Through his generous bequest, a \$275,000 endowed scholarship fund provides funds to selected Wesleyan College students who are graduates of Hall County schools or Gainesville High School and who meet the pre-requisites described in the scholarship fund application.

Nominations for the scholarship award are made annually by the principal of each Hall County high school, and the recipient is then selected by the Student Aid Committee of the College.

This endowed scholarship fund has been established in honor of Mrs. Fletcher M. Johnson, a 1894 graduate of Wesleyan College. In 1914, follow-

ing the death of her husband, Mr. Johnson was appointed Dean of Women at Wesleyan. She served the College in this position for 17 years. In the Wesleyan tradition, her daughters, Marion and Carrie, also attended the College.

In 1935, Mrs. Johnson was selected the first American "Mother of the Year," chosen because of her "duty, sweetness, courage and devotion to all the ideals of motherhood and homemaking." The Motherhood Medal was presented to her by Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of former president of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

During her retirement, Mrs. Johnson resided in Gainesville, Georgia.

Hall County students may contact Herbert C. Mudie, Dean of Admissions for further information.

Chairman, Frank Jones and trustee Valeria McCullough Murphey '48 tour the campus with newly elected trustees H. Dillon Winship and J. William Robinson. All trustees enjoyed a "campus ramble" following the recent Board of Trustees meeting.



ATTENTION ALUMNAE!

The Admissions Office will sponsor a Spring Open House program for high school juniors and seniors, March 25-27, 1982. This weekend provides an opportunity for students to visit Wesleyan and experience campus life first-hand by living in a dormitory, eating meals in the dining room, talking with students and faculty, visiting classes, and participating in campus activities.

This is a great opportunity for the Alumnae to help with admissions. Send us your names of potential Wesleyannes so that we can send them an invitation.

Following is the schedule for the March 25-27, 1982 Spring Open House:

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Arrival/Registration - Loggia
6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner - Anderson Dining Hall
7:00-8:00 p.m. Welcome - Hinton Lounge
Herbert C. Mudie, Dean of Admissions
Jenny Houser,
Student Government President
8:00-9:30 p.m. Party - Snack Bar
Entertainment by Wesleyannes

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast - Anderson Dining Hall
9:00-12:00 p.m. Class Visits
11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch - Anderson Dining Hall
1:00-5:00 p.m. Interviews with Admissions Staff - Admissions Office
Appointments with Faculty
Campus Tours - Depart Loggia
6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner - Anderson Dining Hall
7:00-9:00 p.m. Campus Activity Program

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast - Anderson Dining Hall
9:15-11:30 a.m. Interviews with Admissions Staff - Admissions Office
Appointments with Faculty
Campus Tours - Depart Loggia
11:30 a.m. Departure

Students should make a reservation by contacting the Admissions Office by March 22, 1982.

1982 WORLD'S FAIR ADVENTURE TRIP

Sponsored By
Wesleyan Alumnae Association
A Science and History Adventure
Plus the World's Fair
JUNE 23-25, 1982
Travel by Bus

Tour Cost from Macon - \$164.00
Tour Cost from Atlanta - \$159.00
Deposit (Non-Refundable) \$50.00
Contact Alumnae Office
For Information
Deadline for Reservations is April 21, 1982

Kaskas Donates Musical Scores

During her fifth visit to Wesleyan College, Anna Kaskas, a contralto formerly with the Metropolitan Opera, presented the Music Department with a gift of bound operatic scores from her personal collection. In 1980, Miss Kaskas donated the majority of her personal collection of vocal music to the college.

The collection includes single copies of scores, solo pieces, and complete operatic works. "The collection is housed in the Music Department where Wesleyan students and faculty have access to it for study purposes," said Fletcher Anderson, chairman of the Wesleyan Music Department.

While visiting the college, Miss Kaskas conducted a Master Class for Singers. Wesleyan students and members of the community were given the opportunity to be heard by Miss Kaskas and to work with her.

ALUMNAE OPPORTUNITIES

Northern Virginia Alumnae Meeting
February 21, 1982

3:00 p.m. at the home of
Virginia Larson Schneider, '68
6012 North 22nd St.
Arlington, VA 22205

Atlanta Alumnae Club

Seminar for Women February 27, 1982 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. James United Methodist Church

Session topics: Landscaping, Money and Banking, Wills, Trusts and Estates, Opera Preview for '82, Your Income Taxes and Services of a C P A Firm, Myths and Realities of Genealogy, Buying Art and Antiques at Auction

Cost is \$10.00 for two sessions and lunch or \$15.00 for three sessions and lunch.

Send reservations to:

Ruth White Fruit, '54
1854 Idlewood Rd.
Tucker, GA 30084

Neva Langley Fickling '55 received the Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Award at the National Awards Luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. While a student at Wesleyan she was first recognized for her personal efforts to beautify America by being named Miss America in 1953. She was Georgia's first chairman of the Clean Community programs. During her three-year tenure as Georgia chairman, the Clean Community program was expanded from nine to forty communities.



Representatives of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association gathered recently in Governor George Busbee's office to receive a proclamation honoring Wesleyan on the 145th anniversary of its founding. Pictured left to right are: Mrs. Donald A. Barkley, Vice-President of the Alumnae Association; Mrs. John L. Brooks, Alumnae Trustee; Ken Nix, member of the House of Representatives from Cobb County; Mrs. John W. Boyes, Vice-President Elect of the Alumnae Association; and, Tom Perdue, Executive Secretary to the Governor.

ALUMNAE NEWS BRIEFS

- The Wesleyan Alumnae Association has received a gift of a Savin 840 copier from Acme Business Products Company of Macon, Georgia.
- 135 Alumnae gave volunteer hours to conduct a phonothon in November. A grand total of \$39,466.00 was pledged during the 12 nights of the phonothon.
- The Ruth Kasey Yost challenge has been met! Mrs. Yost has made a \$30,000 gift to the Loyalty Fund as her pledge stated. Alumnae were asked to contribute \$60,000 to the Loyalty Fund in order to receive Mrs. Yost's gift. This goal was achieved by January 1 of 1982.
- The Alumnae Loyalty Fund goal for 1981-1982 is \$300,000. To date, we are nearing the $\frac{1}{2}$ mark. If you have not made your annual Loyalty Fund gift yet, let us hear from you soon.
- The Alumnae Admissions Representative (AAR) Program at Wesleyan currently has a network of 40 alumnae working in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Texas. They have assisted in personally contacting prospective students, hosting prospective student parties, and representing Wesleyan at College Day/Night Programs and College Fairs. All of us at Wesleyan appreciate their help very much.

Wesleyan needs students and we need help from *all* the alumnae to identify and recruit qualified young women. If you are interested in helping with the admissions efforts in your area or possibly hosting a prospective student party in your home, please contact Betsy P. Mudie, Director of the AAR Program.

Together we can spread the good news about Wesleyan to young women everywhere and see Wesleyan once again filled to capacity with qualified students.

Proclamation

WESLEYAN COLLEGE DAY

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On December 23, 1836, the Legislature of the State of Georgia granted a charter for the establishment of a college for women at Macon, Georgia, to be named the Georgia Female College; and This was the first instance in history of the granting of such a charter; and

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: December 23, 1981, marks the 145th anniversary of the granting of the charter to the Georgia Female College, which later came to be known as Wesleyan College; and

WHEREAS: Wesleyan College has the oldest alumnae association in the State of Georgia, with an active membership of 4,165; and

WHEREAS: Wesleyan alumnae have contributed to the betterment of our state and nation in all fields of endeavor; and It is fitting and proper that on this 145th anniversary occasion we recognize Wesleyan College and the outstanding contribution it has made to the education of women in our state; now

THEREFORE: I, George Busbee, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the day of Wednesday, December 23, 1981, as "WESLEYAN COLLEGE DAY" in Georgia, in honor of the 145th anniversary of the granting of its charter, and do further call upon all our citizens to join in recognizing the contribution made by this outstanding Georgia institution of higher learning.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed. This 21st day of December, 1981.

BY THE GOVERNOR

Tom Perdue

George Busbee

GOVERNOR

Secretary, Executive Dept.

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Parents Weekend Features "Stunt Night"



Two students hand wrestle in a spirited scene from last year's winning stunt by the senior class. Cathy Crosby vies with Cindy Smith as Liz Ann Youmans serves as "the table top".

Parents Weekend at Wesleyan will be held on 5-6. This annual weekend affords Wesleyan parents a special opportunity to see the campus, to meet faculty, to meet other parents, and to be present for the highlight of the student year - "Stunt Night".

"Stunt Night" is a Wesleyan tradition that began in 1897 as "class night" under the sponsorship of the YWCA. In 1969 the Council on Religious Concerns replaced the YWCA and continued the stunt tradition.

The YWCA had established three scholarships with the proceeds from "Stunt Night" and The Council on Religious Concerns continues this program to this day. Proceeds from "Stunt Night" continues to endow scholarships established in honor of Dr. William Quillian (1928), a former President; the Reverend S. Johnson (1936) a former faculty member; Dr. Samuel L. Akers (1966), a former Chaplain; and Dean.

On "Stunt Night", each of the four classes presents a 30 minute musical comedy which they have written, directed and choreographed. Sets for the presentations are designed and built by each class. A cup is presented for the best stunt, and another cup is given to the class which has shown the most class spirit throughout many weeks of "stunt" rehearsals.

"Stunt Night" will be presented on Friday night, March 5, for the community in Porter Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door.